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ATTENTION! PLEASE NOTE

Subscribers have received or will shortly receive the preliminary issue of CONGRESSIONAL INDEX dealing with the new Congress. This should be set aside for use only after the 92nd Congress has assembled (Thursday, January 21, 1971 by the terms of P. L. 91-643, approved January 1, 1971). In the meantime, the current reports dealing with the 91st Congress will be continued as usual.

John J. Williams, George L. Murphy Resign

Before the Senate adjourned until the 92nd Congress, two of its members, John J. Williams of Delaware, who did not run for reelection, and George L. Murphy of California, who ran and lost, gracefully resigned their seats to permit their successors, respectively William Roth and John Tunney, to take their oaths of office and thus gain a step in the seniority race with their colleagues.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the President

Before the fiscal 1971 foreign aid appropriations bill was cleared for Presidential approval, there transpired one of the most curious events of the 91st Congress (which has seen many curious events). Namely, the House agreed to a Senate amendment to a House amendment to Senate amendment No. 19 to H 17867. For those who worry about such things, this represents a victory for the Senate.

In order to explain what took place, one must review what happened to H 15628, the bill authorizing funds for foreign military sales. This measure passed the Senate June 30 containing the Cooper-Church amendment providing that no funds could be expended after July 1, 1970, for maintaining American troops in Cambodia, for training Cambodian forces, or for air combat in support of Cambodian forces. The House had also passed a foreign military sales bill, of course, which did not contain this provision. Since July, the measure has been technically in conference, although there had not, until very recently, been any meetings.

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Meanwhile, the foreign aid appropriations bill, H 17867, was progressing along its legislative journey. On December 14, the conference report was filed in the House. Two days later it was approved by that body, containing the provisions of the foreign military credit sales bill, except the Cooper-Church amendment and several others the House found objectionable. Thus when the conference report came up for consideration by the Senate, the situation was that, if the Senate approved, it would have meant a capitulation on at least two fronts: Cooper-Church would have failed, and the authorizing power of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee would have been by-passed in favor of the House Appropriations Committee.

No one seriously objected to the demise of the Cooper-Church amendment, since its provisions are now moot. But on the question of by-passing Senate committees, some members, such as J. William Fulbright, whose committee was specifically involved, became adamant. The Senate sent back the conference report.

That's when things began to happen. The conference committee on the foreign military credit sales bill met for the first time since August, and, came to a speedy agreement. With authorizations now cleared for the President, the problem went away. That's when the House agreed to a Senate amendment to the House amendment to Senate Amendment No. 19 to H 17867,

Bills Acted Upon During the Week

SENATE BILLS

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| S 11 (State and Local Employees—Personnel Improvement—Training Assistance) | S 3192 (Public Works—William G. Stone Navigation Lock) |
| S 368 (Natural Resources — Geothermal Steam) | S 3318 (Libraries—Public—Construction and Renewal) |
| S 437 (Civil Service Retirement—Annuities —Reduction Elimination) | S 3479 (Possessions (U. S.)—Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands—Status) |
| S 528 (Dams and Reservoirs—William Dannelly Reservoir—Alabama River) | S 3619 (Disasters—Office of Disaster Assistance) |
| S 1079 (States—Interstate Compacts—Susquehanna River Basin Compact) | S 3785 (Armed Forces—Prisoners of War—Wives' Benefits) |
| S 1100 (Reclamation Projects—Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin Program) | S 3867 (Unemployment—Low-Income and Unemployed Persons — Employment and Training Opportunities) |
| S 1181 (Agriculture—Research and Promotion—Potatoes) | S 4083 (Higher Education—Gallaudet College—Kendall School for the Deaf Operation) |
| S 1499 (Dams and Reservoirs—Verdigris River—Chouteau Lock and Dam) | S 4106 (Public Health — National Health Service Corps—Establishment) |
| S 1500 (Dams and Reservoirs—Verdigris River—Newt Graham Lock and Dam) | S 4268 (Foreign Trade—Expansion) |
| S 1626 (District of Columbia—Psychology Practice—Regulation) | S 4426 (Government Operations — General Services Administrator—Protection of Public Buildings) |
| S 2108 (Birth Control—Family Planning—Programs) | S 4481 (States—Virginia—Land Cession) |
| S 2162 (Safety—Hazardous Materials—Children's Articles) | S 4557 (Authorizations — Atomic Energy Commission) |
| S 2193 (Safety—Working Conditions) | S 4571 (Civil Service Retirement — Central Intelligence Agency Employees — Eligibility Revisions) |
| S 2984 (Civil Service Retirement—Accredited Service—Post Office Field Service) | S 4595 (Railroads—Transportation Department—Financial Assistance) |
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